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## **RESOLUTION NO. 94-17**

BY: **JEFFREY CROSSMAN** 

(By Request – Mayor)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PARMA TO APPLY AS A SPONSOR FOR A NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA) GRANT FOR CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY AND/OR TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDING AND/OR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDING TO COMPLETE A SIGNIFICANT SECTION OF THE WEST CREEK GREENWAY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the West Creek Conservancy and the City of Parma have coordinated the implementation of the West Creek Greenway extending from the West Creek Reservation throughout communities with multiple termini at the Towpath Trail and Cuyahoga Valley National Park; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Parma desires to promote and assist with the connection of the West Creek Greenway, and,

WHEREAS, the West Creek Conservancy and Cleveland Metroparks are currently completing the preliminary engineering, design, and right-of-way acquisition of the West Creek Greenway; and,

WHEREAS, NOACA has a "Transportation Alternatives Program" that provides funding to programs and projects that include pedestrian and bicycle facilities, safe routes for non-drivers, community improvement activities, environmental mitigation and for recreational trail program projects; and,

WHEREAS, NOACA has a "Surface Transportation Program" that provides funds that may be applied to road and bridge reconstruction or resurfacing projects, transit capital and operational projects, bikeways and planning; and,

WHEREAS, NOACA has a "Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program" that provides funding to programs and projects that include pedestrian and bicycle facilities, safe routes for non-drivers, community improvement activities, environmental mitigation and for recreational trail program projects; and,

WHEREAS, the Council desires to take advantage of this funding opportunity by applying for a NOACA grant; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council of the City of Parma hereby approves the City to apply as a sponsor for a Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) Grant for Congestion Mitigation Air Quality and/or Transportation Alternatives Program Funding and/or Surface Transportation Program Funding to complete a significant section of the West Creek Greenway.

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Section 2. That this Council hereby respectfully requests that the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) give favorable consideration to the City of Parma's application for funding.

Section 3. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to prepare a certified copy of this Resolution for the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA).

Section 4. That It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to the upcoming grant application deadline, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
APPROVED:
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO